PATENT Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 07553.0021

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Toru KAWAGUCHI

Group Art Unit: 2877

Application No.: 09/832,837

Examiner: Tu T. NGUYEN

Filed: April 12, 2001

SURFACE POSITION DETECTION For:

DEVICE AND EXPOSURE

APPARATUS AND EXPOSURE

METHOD ACHIEVED BY

UTILIZING DETECTION DEVICE

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions for a one month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of September 4, 2003. A fee of \$110.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge

any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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Respectfully submitted,

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